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Bryn Mawr, Pa., Feb. 6th, 1915.

Mr. H. B. Ferris,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Since I wrote to you early in the week, I have learned from the Department of State at Washington, that it is regarded as unwise for citizens of the United States to visit any of the countries now at war without passports. Naturalized citizens are especially warned against going to the countries of their birth ! I am a naturalized citizen of Canadian birth.

Moreover, on account of the misuse of American passports, the regulations under which they are now issued are so exacting that I cannot afford the time to obtain one for the sake of being 56 hours on Canadian soil. It would necessitate taking two friends to the county seat and a day in court, *etc., etc., etc.* Perhaps your University authorities have enough influence at Ottawa to obtain me a safe-conduct for the journey without trouble by correspondence. If not, much as I should like to preach to your students, I shall have to ask you to engage some one else for March 28th, and let me come at some time after the war is over, for I cannot run the risk of any detention that would cause a prolonged absence from my duties here.

Please bring the matter to the attention of your Committee at once, and kindly let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

June 4th, 1915

President Barton,
Lombard College,
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear President Barton:

I am very anxious to secure an appointment in an American University for our Associate Professor of German, Mr. E.A. Mueller. Mr. Mueller has been on our staff for nine years, and has been Associate Professor for the last two years. We have always found him to be an excellent teacher, but owing to difficulties arising out of the war and the employment of Germans in the State University the situation would become more comfortable if I can get a position for Mr. Mueller in an American College. Will you be kind enough to let me know whether there is any possibility of such an appointment in your University?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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R. M. BARTON, Dean

June 9, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

My Dear President Falconer:

I thank you very
much for your letter concerning Mr. P. W.
Mueller. We have just filled the vacancy in
the German Department here, and I regret that
I can not at this time help you in the matter
of Mr. Mueller. I will be very glad to be of
any service I may to you at any future date.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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R. M. Barton